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SUBJECT: PREPARATION FOR ITU LF/MF BROADCASTING
CONFERENCE.

SUMMARY: US/FRG REPS MET IN BONN OCTOBER 1 TO DISCUSS
UPCOMING ITU LF/MF CONFERENCE. ATMOSPHERE OF MEETING
WAS CORDIAL AND COOPERATIVE. AGREEMENT
REACHED ON GENERAL APPROACH TO BE TAKEN AT CONFERENCE.
AFN FREQUENCY ALLOCATION PROBLEMS WERE ALSO DISCUSSED.

1. US AND FRG REPS MET IN BONN OCTOBER 1 TO DISCUSS
UPCOMING LF/MF CONFERENCE.
US REPS INCLUDED HUFFCUTT - STATE; JACOBS - USIA/VOA;
LEINWALL-FRE; LT COL MCBRIDE; MAJ. SWEARENGEN AND MR.
MORTENSEN - AFN; BLUCKER - USMISSION BERLIN;
AND MR. MACUK, EMBASSY. SPRIT OF MEETING
WAS CORDIAL AND COOPERATIVE. OVERALL VIEWS OF BOTH
PARTIES WERE CLOSE. AGREEMENT REACHED THAT:
(A) EVERY EFFORT BE MADE TO KEEP FIRST SESSION OF
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CONFERENCE TECHNICAL AND NON-POLITICAL.

(B) FRG WOULD PURSUE EBU APPROACH AT CONFERENCE.
(WE AGREED TO THIS CONSIDERING IT TO BE IN OUR BEST
INTEREST.)

(C) WHEN CONCLUSIONS OF FIRST SESSION ARE KNOWN, US AND
FRG WILL BE ABLE TO ASSESS STEPS NECESSARY TO BE
TAKEN PRIOR TO SECOND SESSION IN 1975. WE ANTICIPATE
US AND FRG WILL HOLD ONE OR TWO MEETINGS EARLY IN 1975
TO SORT OUT TECHNICAL AND POLITICAL PROBLEMS WHICH MAY
ARISE AS A RESULT OF RECOMMENDATIONS MADE BY THE FIRST
SESSION OF THE LF/MF CONFERENCE, PARTICULARLY THE
RELATIVE ORDER OF PRIORITIES FOR FREQUENCY REQUIREMENTS
TO BE SUBMITTED TO 1975 CONFERENCE.

2. FONOFF REP EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT US NOT ATTENDING
FIRST SESSION OF CONFERENCE IN OFFICIAL OBSERVER
STATUS. WE POINTED OUT OUR BELIEF THAT IT WOULD NOT
BE IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE US-FRG, AND FOR THE
SUCCESS OF THE CONFERENCE FOR US TO PARTICIPATE AS
OBSERVERS, BUT HAVE INSTEAD ASSIGNED R. PROHME (TELATT,
GENEVA) TO MONITOR AND REPORT ON CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS
AND TO ACT AS POINT OF CONTACT FOR FRG DELEGATION.

3. WE ASSURED FONMIN REP THAT US REPS MONITORING
CONFERENCE (TELATT, ASSISTANT TELATT, BACKED UP BY
POL COUNSELOR GENEVA) WILL BE COMPETENT TO GIVE
APPROPRIATE TREATMENT TO POLITICAL ISSUES THAT MIGHT
ARISE.

4. FONOFF REP RAISED QUESTION CONCERNING POSSIBLE USE
OF US INFLUENCE WITH OTHER COUNTRIES TO GAIN SUPPORT
FOR FRG/EBU TECHNICAL STANDARDS IF NEED SHOULD ARISE.
WE ASSURED FRG THAT UPON THEIR REQUEST SUCH MATTERS
WOULD BE GIVEN APPROPRIATE ACTION (BY US MISSION,
GENEVA, OR DEPT AS CASE MAY WARRANT) AS WE BELIEVE
THE STANDARDS PROPOSED BY FRG/EBU TO BE IN BEST INTEREST
OF USG.

5. DURING REVIEW OF FREQUENCIES OF INTEREST TO US
IN GERMANY, FRG REP NOTED THAT CERTAIN FREQUENCIES HAVE
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NOT YET BEEN REGISTERED WITH ITU, I.E., RIAS 737,
RIAS 854 AND VOA 173KHZ. FRG REP STRESSED IMPORTANCE
OF REGISTRATION IF US INTENDS THAT FRG EVENTUALLY
INCLUDE THESE FREQUENCIES IN THE REQUIREMENTS
SUBMITTED TO THE SECOND SESSION OF THE CONFERENCE IN
1975. US REPS STATED THAT RIAS FREQUENCIES WILL BE
REGISTERED SHORTLY, BUT THAT MATTER OF 173KHZ CANNOT
BE DECIDED UNTIL WE HAVE BETTER INDICATION OF SOVIET

INTENTIONS IN REGARD TO 1196 KHZ.

6. WE BRIEFED FRG ON STATUS OF SOVIET INTERFERENCE ON 1196 KHZ AND US COMPLAINT TO ITU, POINTING OUT THAT A DIPLOMATIC PROTEST IS BEING CONSIDERED IF SOVIETS DO NOT REACT FAVORABLY TO THE LETTER FROM ITU. WE NOTED THAT IF PROBLEM OF 1196KHZ NOT RESOLVED FAVORABLY, WE WOULD HOPE FOR A SUITABLE REPLACEMENT FREQUENCY. FRG REPS TOOK NOTE OF OUR REMARKS WITHOUT COMMENT.

7. IN REGARD TO AFN INTERFERENCE TO SARAJEVO ON 611KHZ, US REPS INFORMED FRG OF CURRENT EFFORTS TO ENLIST YUGOSLAVS IN PURPOSED POWER REDUCTION TEST PROGRAM. HEAD OF FRG DELEGATION, KUPPER, AGREED THAT IF YUGOSLAVS RAISED MATTER OF 611KHZ IN GENEVA, FRG WILL SUPPORT US POSITION, I.E., THAT ONCE INTERFERENCE PROBLEM IS RESOLVED THERE WILL BE NO BASIS FOR YUGOSLAV INSISTENCE THAT AFN VACATE 611KHZ.

8. COMMENT: WE WISH TO EMPHASIZE ATMOSPHERE OF COOPERATION, CORDIALITY AND CANDOR IN WHICH DISCUSSIONS WERE CONDUCTED. DISCUSSIONS MADE CLEAR THE NEED FOR CONTINUED CLOSE COORDINATION AT GENEVA BETWEEN US AND FRG REPS. HEAD OF FRG DELEGATION, DR. JOHANNES KUPPER, WILL ARRIVE GENEVA EVENING OF OCTOBER 4 AND WILL STAY AT HOTEL DE POST. FOR GENEVA: EARLY CONTACT WITH DR. KUPPER IS REQUESTED. HILLENBRAND

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